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Ref: 19-F-1683

Mr. Sai
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Dear Mr. Sai:

This is the final response to your August 19, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is attached for your convenience. We received your request on August 20, 2019 and assigned it case number 19-F-1683. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

According to the FOIA's legislative history, a description of records requested is sufficient if it enables a professional employee of the agency who is familiar with the subject area of the request to locate the records with a reasonable amount of effort. Courts have also stated that a request is reasonably described if the agency is able to determine "precisely" what records are being requested. The "reasonably described" requirement exists because the FOIA was not intended to reduce government agencies to full-time investigators on behalf of requesters. As such, it is the requester's responsibility to frame requests with sufficient particularity to ensure that searches are not unreasonably burdensome, and to enable the searching agency to determine precisely what records are being sought.

After carefully reviewing your request, your request is too broad, and not reasonably described. Courts have held that requests using phrases such as "all, or any and all; refer or related to in any way; including, but not limited to" are not reasonably descriptive.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Darrell Williams, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS
College Park, MD 20740
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Telephone: 202-741-5770
Fax: 202-741-5769
Toll-free: 1-877-684-6448

You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA

Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may use the OSD FOIA request portal at <http://pal.whs.mil/palMain.aspx> or email your appeal to OSD.FOIA-APPEAL@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 19-F-1683 in any appeal correspondence.

If you need further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please do not hesitate to contact the Action Officer assigned to your request, Ms. Nusheen Sikandar, at nusheen.sikandar.civ@mail.mil or (571) 372-0437.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosures:

As stated